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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takashi HAYASHIHARA

Serial No. 09/977,204

Group Art Unit: 3682

Confirmation No. 3598

Filed: October 16, 2001

Examiner: Vinh LUONG

For: VEHICLE PEDAL DEVICE WHEREIN NON-OPERATED POSITION OF OPERATING PORTION IS ADJUSTABLE IN LONGITUDINAL DIRECTION OF VEHICLE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on Monday, March 17, 2003.

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The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **REPLACE** paragraphs 44, 46 and 49 with the following paragraphs:

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[0044] The pivotal arm 26 has a pair of straight guides in the form of a pair of straight elongate holes 32, 34 formed therethrough, while the lower arm 28 has a pair of guide pieces 36, 38 fixedly provided thereon so as to be linearly movable in engagement with the respective elongate holes 32, 34. The position adjusting device 30 indicated above includes these elongate holes 32, 34 and guide pieces 36, 38, as well as the relative-movement device 40 indicated above. The relative-movement device 40 is arranged to linearly move the guide piece 36 in the longitudinal direction of the elongate hole 32, while being guided by the elongate hole 32, so that at the same time the other guide piece 38 is linearly moved while being guided by the other elongate hole 34, whereby the lower arm 28 is moved relative to the pivotal arm 26, so as